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# **MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gan in

Chief Financial Office

DATE: JUL -5 2005

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "District of Columbia Bus Shelter

Amendment Act of 2005"

**REFERENCE:** No Bill Number Available

#### Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 and the Mayor's and Council's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources would be required.

### Background

The proposed legislation would extend the franchise agreement under the District of Columbia Bus Shelter Act (Act) from a period of ten years to a period of twenty years. Under the franchise agreement, the franchisee obtains an exclusive agreement in the District for private installation and maintenance of bus shelters in public spaces that display commercial advertisements.

## **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 and the Mayor's and Council's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources would be required. The proposed legislation would extend the franchise agreement for an additional ten years, but would not require additional expenditures by the District. Under the franchise agreement, the franchisee is responsible for the installation and maintenance of District bus shelters in exchange for exclusive advertising rights. Under the Act,

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upon expiration of the franchise agreement, the bus shelters become property of the District without cost to the District.